Colorado Assessment Tool Project

June 26 2014 Stakeholder Meeting
We’re Listening

Check-in and Check-up

→ Revisit your input to date
→ Gather new input
→ Realign project approach
New Information

• State staff and stakeholders already engaged in active discussions about systems change efforts
• Appears more important to use the resources allocated to the White paper to catalogue the change efforts that are in process and identify the potential impact of the new assessment process
Today we will...

- Identify aspirations and concerns
- Identify areas for improving the process
- Discuss workgroup purpose
- Review the State requirements for a new tool
- Discuss a revised work plan
Worst / Best Case Scenario

• Group exercise

• Worst case scenario
  – Everyone must participate
    • Your ideas will help us understand your concerns

• Best case scenario
  – Everyone must participate
    • Your ideas will help us understand your aspirations
What can we do to improve the Stakeholder Process?

- What information do you need?
- How do you want it presented?
- When do you need it by?
- What do we need to do?
Workgroup Purpose

→ Share concerns and aspirations with a new assessment process
→ Share advice and innovation in the design of new assessment process
How the State will respond

→ Develop alternatives that directly reflect concerns and aspirations
→ Incorporate advice and recommendations into decisions
→ Provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision
Why we need a new tool

→ Person Centered Planning
→ Support Planning
→ Reliability
→ Support Consumer Direction / Employment
Things to consider

→ Community Living Advisory Group
→ Olmstead Plan (Community Living Plan)
→ Community First Choice
→ Medicaid Interchange (90% Federal Match for Automation)
Original Scope

• Provide background about assessment tools and processes
• Develop and pilot tools
• Develop presentations and white paper on how the tools could be used to enhance further systems change
Approach for Selecting and Testing New Colorado Assessment Tools

**Laying the Groundwork for the New Assessment Process**
- Review of current intake, assessment, eligibility, and resource allocation business processes
- Clarification of scope and uses of assessment
- Review of existing tool options
- Identification of customizations/enhancements needed

**Selection of Existing Tools to be Adapted**
- Selection of existing tool(s) to be adapted to assess functioning/medical issue
- Selection of existing tool(s) to be support a person-centered process
- Selection of existing tool(s) to be support other employment & self-direction

**Tool Development**
- Determination of processes for piloting
- Development of Assessment Tool
- Development of Training Materials

**Cross-tool Comparison Testing**
- Refinement of pilot approach
- Contract with entity for assessments
- Train pilot participants
- Operate Pilot/Data Coding
- Focus groups/Data Analysis/Recreation of eligibility criteria
- Tool & training materials refinement

**Development of Implementation Plan and Resource Requirements**
- Determination of functional capabilities for automation
- Automation approach and resource requirements
- Draft guidance for Medicaid Infrastructure Technology (MITA) Vendor
- Summary Report Written for Decision Makers
White Paper

• Original scope envisioned laying out how the new assessment tool could be used to enhance resource allocation, support planning, and quality improvement
New Approach to White Paper

• New approach will:
  – Clarify principles that should guide systems improvement
  – Identify the goals of the systems reform effort
  – Determine where current systems redesign efforts fit
  – Layout the major areas where the delivery of HCBS will need to change to achieve the goals
### Preliminary Areas to be Address by HCBS Systems Change Concept Paper:

Paper will discuss potential impact of the assessment process for each area.

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# Proposed Work Plan for Paper

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